



TROOP 67 TIMES

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WELCOME NEW SCOUTS

Troop 67 is pleased to welcome several new scouts and their families to our troop. These new scouts are: J.J., Jonathan, Stephen, Joshua, Damian, Chris, Jonathan, David, Phi, William, Trent, Taylor P., Kevin, Wesley, Chris, and Leo.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

First, I want to say welcome to all our new boys and adults. It is so exciting to see the troop grow, not just in numbers, but also in enthusiasm and energy. I cannot wait to get to know all of you better. We have such an exciting schedule for the upcoming months: Camporee in Athens, caving at Inks Park, summer camp in Oklahoma, and Schlitterbahn in August. For our older boys there will be JLT (Junior Leadership Training). This will be a fun-filled daylong course taught in April. It will give our older boys, who are now ready to take a more active leadership role in our troop, the skills and tools needed to be a successful leader. The skills learned will benefit the boys, not only at troop level, but at home and school as well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and parents for their confidence by electing me as scoutmaster of this troop. I am grateful for their trust in me to lead this group of wonderful boys over the coming years. I know that with all of your support Troop 67 will be the

best Troop, not only in Tomahawk District, but in Circle Ten Council.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Simmons. As a chartering member of this troop, and as scoutmaster for over two years, he has laid the foundation for what we will grow on far into the future. Although this is not the end of his involvement with our troop, his presence will be greatly missed. We wish him the best as he pursues his interests both at the district level and OA.

Again, I cannot express to you how determined I am to make this troop as great as I know it can be. With all the excitement and energy I see, I know that the best is yet to come.

God Bless You All,

Matthew Curtis

FROM YOUR SPL

The last campout, Cherokee Tree Plant was very fun. We had a lot of our new scouts come and we missed those of you who couldn't make it.

We've gone to several crossovers and have almost 20 new scouts in the Troop. I want to welcome all the new scouts and I'm looking forward to getting to know you.

I hope to see all T67 scouts at Sid Richardson. Orienteering is a lot of fun and you should try it. You can do orienteering for fun or in competition. If you really like it you can come once a month with us

The Scout Motto:
"Be Prepared"

The Scout Slogan:
"Do a good turn daily"



to the orienteering meets that the NTOA (North Texas Orienteering Association) puts on.

I could not get done all that we do without the help of my leaders. Thanks to Jacob (my right hand man), Daniel, Derec and Michael, all members of your Patrol Leaders Council.

If you ever have a problem come to a green shirt or your patrol leader! We are here to help. See you at the meetings!

Yours In Scouting,
Nicholas

EAGLE NEWS

Congratulations are in order to our newest Eagle Scout!! Chad Norris had his Eagle Board of Review on January 12, 2004. Chad's family and the Troop are very proud of him for his accomplishments.

There will be an Eagle Court of Honor held on Saturday April 3, 2004 in the sanctuary of Northside Baptist Church. All Troop 67 scouts and their parents are encouraged to come. This is a very special ceremony and you will not want to miss it! All scouts should be in their finest, Class A uniform.

Matthew Bowles will also be belatedly honored at this Court of Honor for achieving the Eagle Scout rank.

DID YOU KNOW????

Troop 67 has two paper recycling bins at Vanston Middle School off of Gus Thomasson. Turn on to Karla Dr. (the street by Auto Zone) and you will see the bins in the school parking lot a short distance down on the right. All newspaper, magazines, old phone books and other paper are accepted. The Troop actually earns money from this venture, so please begin using it, if you're not already and spread the news to friends and family!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to Betty Waters for being "in charge" of Scouting For Food this year. We collected over

1600 cans for the food bank. Thanks to all those who came out on that cold, snowy day to collect bags. We were told at the food bank that a lot of Troops didn't venture out. It was a lot of fun and in the end it was worth the effort.

ADULT RECORDS

We are trying to get complete and current information on our ADULTS in the Troop. See Mrs. Ray or Mrs. Folk to get the paperwork to give us updates. We also need information on past Scouting service so credit may be given where it is due! If you get a service pin for 1 year and you've been in scouts since your son was in Tiger Cubs, it is because we don't have accurate service information on you!

TRAINING FOR SCOUTS

For older scouts (13 year old and First Class) who are ready to move on to the next plane in leadership, there is Golden Acorn. It is an intense 5-½ day, outdoor leadership training experience for troop youth leaders. Its principle function is to train top boy leaders in the skills of leadership.

Admission is limited, so if your scout is interested he needs to pick up an interest form from the table at the Troop meeting and talk with Mr. Curtis about this. Scoutmaster approval is required.

Registration form and deposit should be sent in as soon as possible. The Troop will pay ½ of the cost of this training upon completion of the course. There are a total of 6 weeks available to choose from. The later you wait to sign up, the harder it is to get a week you want.

TWILIGHT CAMP

Twilight Camp is June 7-11, from 4-8:30pm. It's held on Tripp Rd. in Sunnyvale. This is a Cub Scout camp but Boy Scout's who have recently crossed over may want to attend the Trail to First Class program offered. The cost is \$40. The information and forms needed are available from the table at the Troop meeting.





This is also an opportunity for older scouts to help out with younger scouts. They can help as a Den Chief or other position depending on their age and experience. This is an excellent way to learn leadership skills and earn service hours. Helpers are also required to sign up.

NEWS FROM PHILMONT 2005

Hoorah! Troop/Crew 67 is attending Philmont Scout Ranch in 2005! The Troop and the Crew both received two backpacking spots at Philmont for 2005. The Crew got a 12-day trek in June and the Troop got a trek in August. Due to the number of scouts interested and the dates available to us, it was decided to combine the Troop and Crew for the June trek. For those who don't know about Philmont, it is a high adventure camp in New Mexico for scouts 14 years old and up. They will backpack at least 50 miles over the course of the trek. We are grateful for the opportunity and excited about the trip. If you are eligible and have not signed up yet, see Mr. Ray or Mr. Simmons.

NEWS FLASH!!

Troop 67's new ftp internet site is now setup and has the most current advancement information on our scouts. This will allow you to view your son's advancement status, partial merit badge information, etc. If you would like to access this on-line information, you will first need to load a copy of TroopMaster software on your computer. CD's along with instructions on how to access the data are available upon request. Please ask Cindy Folk or Debra Ray for more information.

Also we have a web site set up making rosters, calendars and other information available to those who have the password. This is done so this information can always be available to Troop members but protected from anyone else. Again, see Mrs. Ray or Mrs. Folk for access.

One of our new leaders, Glen Raggio, is working on our existing sight (www.troop67.net) getting access and updates so the most current information on the Troop will be available to us all very soon. Thanks Mr. Raggio!!





MEDICAL FORMS

Some scouts may need to update their Class 1 Medical Form. The Class 1 is only good for one year. This just takes Mom or Dad to fill it out, list emergency contacts, allergies, etc. and give permission to treat if necessary. **NO SCOUT WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO ON A CAMPOUT WITHOUT ONE!!** Please check with us to make sure your form is up to date or to get a form to fill out.

A Class 2 medical form is required for long-term camps over 72 hours (like summer camp and winter camp) and requires a medical exam. The Class 2 is good for 3 years. If you are fortunate enough to have lived on this earth for 40 years or more you are eligible to use the Class 3 (this is also used for high adventure). It is a more thorough medical exam. If you are 40+ no Class 2 is required, only a Class 3.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, there are many fundraising opportunities for your scout to raise the necessary funds to pay his dues, monthly campout costs, summer camp as well as purchase scouting uniforms and equipment. Following are the current and up-coming opportunities.

SCOUT SHOW TICKETS

By now I'm sure all of you have gotten your Scout tickets and are selling them to all of your friends & neighbors. They are easy to sell, you don't have to go back & collect money, they're lightweight, and (best of all) they earn you \$1.50 per ticket for your Scout account. Good luck with the selling! But, are all of you aware that you can earn prizes, too? See the list below and decide how many tickets you need to sell to win the prizes you like. For each award level you will also win all the other awards underneath it. For example, if you sell 30 tickets you earn that prize, the prize for the ten-ticket level and the prize for the five-ticket level. Remember, the cutoff for turning in Scout ticket money is Tuesday, May 4, 2003.

PRIZES

5 TICKETSPatch

10 TICKETS..... Carabineer/Flashlight Combo
30 TICKETS..... \$25 Certificate to Bass Pro Shops
45 TICKETS... "Camelback" type hydration system & your name in a drawing to win a prize package from a pro sports team (autographed Rangers baseball, Mavs tickets, etc.)

60 TICKETS Additional \$25 Certificate to Bass Pro Shops.(Total \$50)

100 TICKETS Additional \$50 (total \$100) gift certificate to Bass Pro Shops.

TOP SALESMAN in the **DISTRICT** earns a TV-AM/FM Radio-Flashlight from Bass Pro Shops (90 ticket minimum).

TOP CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT in the **COUNCIL** earns a \$250 shopping spree at Bass Pro Shops.

PERSONAL FIRST AID KITS

New for the troop this year will be the opportunity to sell Personal First Aid Kits. This is currently planned for May and was bumped down to allow our scouts to concentrate on scout show tickets. These kits are a low cost item that everyone will want to have in their home and vehicles so they should be easy to sell.

BUDDY POPPY FUNDRAISER

Buddy Poppy Collections will be held one weekend in May.

Troop 67 has a tradition of helping out veterans by assisting VFW Post 6796 in their Buddy Poppy fundraiser. As a benefit to the troop, the VFW allows us to retain half of the donations we take in to assist us in our program. Those who have participated in the past know that this has been a very successful fundraiser for the boys in our troop as well as helping out a very deserving group of veterans.

We need parent participation in this as well as a good turnout of scouts for this to be successful. Sign-up is necessary to participate.





GARAGE SALE

In early June we will hold a Troop Garage Sale. In the past we had the sale in the church parking lot and had a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. This year will be different. The owner of Hammer's Hardware on the corner of Galloway and Kearney has agreed to let us hold our sale in his parking lot. We think this will increase our visibility, thereby increasing our sales!

When we begin organizing this each boy will be assigned a number to tag his items with along with the sale price of the item. This way each boy gets credit for his items. As with most Troop fundraisers the profit is split 75% (to scout's account) and 25% (to Troop 67).

So as you begin your "spring cleaning" and you are clearing out your closets, garage, kids toy boxes make a "pile" for garage sale items. It very well could help finance your scout's activities.

EAGLE ADVISOR

I will be playing the role of Eagle Advisor to Troop 67's older scouts on the road to reaching the rank of Eagle. As you finish up your Life rank, I will be talking to you about planning your trail to Eagle. This will include planning and carry8ing out your service project and all the steps necessary to prepare you for your achieving the requirements.

I encourage you to take advantage of all the training available to you in the Troop, District and Council levels. I am looking forward to working with you and am available for any questions or help you need along the way.

Scott Simmons

FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Troop has recently purchased twelve Coleman 9 X 7 tents to replace some of the aging tents that were beginning to leak and show much wear. This will allow each patrol to have 3 new tents (2 boys in each). We also purchased cooking sets for three

patrols, an ice chest, water coolers and dining fly poles. Mr. Curtis donated tarps for dining flies.

With so many new scouts and parents joining the Troop we continue to experience growing pains (this is a good thing)! There are many opportunities for parents and adults to help with the running of the Troop. This does not necessarily mean taking on a full time position of responsibility. There are many, many things we need help with. We can find a way to utilize your talents. Please offer your time every chance you can. We are always looking for help!

As always, all parents and adult leaders are welcome at the Committee Meetings. These are normally held the Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Troop meeting room. PLEASE COME!

Debra Ray,
Committee Chair

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Northside Baptist Church has asked the Troop to help with lawn care at the church, as their tightening funds have made it difficult to pay for this service. Mr. Simmons agreed to have the Troop help with this. It will be done on a rotational basis between the patrols. We are not responsible for the lawn on campout weekends. This is a very good way for us to repay the church for all they do for us. The Scouts will get service hours for all work done for the church. Watch the calendar for your patrol's weekend and show up at 7AM Saturday morning (traditionally) and bring a lawn mower!

BOOK COVER EMBROIDERY

For the low price of \$2.00 you can have your scout's name or initials placed on his scout book cover. See Mrs. Folk if you would like to have this done, or need more information.





TROOP T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to place your order for troop t-shirts! An order blank is included at the end of this newsletter and an order sheet will be available at the meetings.

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

T-SHIRTS ARE 100% COTTON AND WILL HAVE THE TROOP LOGO EMBROIDERED ON THE FRONT. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALLOW FOR SHRINKAGE WHEN ORDERING.

ALTHOUGH ANOTHER ORDER WILL PROBABLY BE MADE BEFORE SUMMER CAMP, THINK ABOUT ORDERING ENOUGH TO HAVE A CLEAN SHIRT EACH DAY!!

NAME:

100% COTTON, SHORT-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

SIZE	QTY.	PRICE EA.	TOTAL
SMALL		\$7.00	
MEDIUM		\$7.00	
LARGE		\$7.00	
X-LARGE		\$7.00	
XX-LARGE		\$9.00	
XXX-LARGE		\$10.00	

PRICES MAY VARY BUT SHOULD NOT EXCEED LISTED PRICES

ORDER TOTAL

CHECK #:

SCOUT ACCT.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR ORDER TO CINDY FOLK OR DEBRA RAY





TROOP 67 MINI-ROSTER

Need a ride? Forgot the date of a campout? Want to borrow someone's backpack or flashlight? Be prepared-- use these numbers.

Name	Home #	Position
Curtis, Matt	972-564-9433	SM
Bailey, Scott	972-270-2875	ASM Trip Co-ord
Blount, Jon	972-222-2946	ASM
Bobo, Kelly	972-222-7504	ASM Equip Co-ord
Comer, Michael	972-222-8520	ASM
Cupp, Dan	972-681-5664	ASM
Figgins, Wes	972-682-0750	ASM
Miller, Ken	972-288-6128	ASM
O'Dell, Brice	972-613-6625	ASM Treasurer
Raggio, Glen	972-222-3224	ASM
Ray, Ricky	972-686-1551	ASM
Wellman, Brian	972-686-1912	ASM
Ray, Debra	972-686-1551	Committee Chair
Folk, Cindy	972-613-3608	Advancemen t Chair
Rudd, Wayne	972-681-9023	Chartering Org Rep

Troop 67 Calendar of Events

APR – WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MB

\$50 Summer Camp Pmt 41
 Eagle COH 4/3
 PLC/ASM..... 4/4
 Orienteering Tyler SP 4/10
 Committee Meeting 4/11
 Spring Camporee 4/23-4/25

MAY - CAVING

\$50 Summer Camp Pmt 5/1
 PLC/ASM..... 5/2
 Committee Meeting 5/9
 Board of Reviews 5/11
 Inks Lake SP 5/21-5/23
 PLC/ASM..... 5/30

JUNE-FISHING MB

Committee Meeting 6/6
 Board of Review 6/8
 Purtsis Creek SP 6/11-6-13
 PLC/ASM..... 6/27
 Family Night 6/29

JULY – PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

Reg. Meeting 7/1
 Summer Camp - Hale Reserv... 7/4 – 10
 Committee Meeting 7/11
 PLC 7/8
 Committee Meeting 7/13
 COH 7/29





TROOP MEETINGS

Troop 67 meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. in the fellowship hall at Northside Baptist Church

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3130 Moon Dr.
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THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty
to God and my country.
To obey the Scout Law.
To help other people at all times.
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.



THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent

THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best

- To be clean in my outdoor manners,
- To be careful with fire
- To be considerate in the outdoors,
- To be conservation-minded



